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6 February 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 6 February 1967

DD/I called attention to a spate of weekend press stories alleging a decrease in Soviet aid to North Vietnam. He commented that Soviet military assistance to Hanoi peaked last year, so that this year's lower level generally involves replacements.

DD/I called attention to an article by Hanson Baldwin yesterday on the Soviet ABM system, the net thrust of which was informative.

DD/I showed the Director examples of NPIC analysis of insurgent based on low-level photography. The field finds this work useful.

In reply to a question from the Director on the rash of peace-feeler stories, Godfrey felt that the only substance in them is based on the conversation between Senator Robert Kennedy and Manac'h. Even in this case Manac'h's opinions were based only on his own gut feelings, and Godfrey said that he had alerted Senator Kennedy beforehand to the likelihood of such expressions by Manac'h. Allen for Carver noted that alleged DRV preconditions for talks stipulate the cessation not only of bombing but also of all actions of war, which in DRV parlance includes reconnaissance flights and naval patrols.

Godfrey noted unconfirmed press reports from Tokyo that Liu Shao-chi and Teng Hsiao-ping have been stripped of their Party and government posts. The Director remarked that, given the exaggerated press stories on events in China, he was pleased to note the care and restraint with which Agency publications handled this subject. Godfrey noted that, with the arrival of a Soviet transport in Peking today, the load capacity available will exceed the remaining Soviet dependents. He guessed that Eastern European dependents will also be flown out.

Godfrey called attention to a Rumanian blast in response to an East German complaint on the establishment of relations between Bucharest and Bonn.

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Kent noted that the Estimate on the policing of a disarmament agreement with intelligence facilities is going to the reps today.

The Director noted the likelihood that he will return to Senator Gore's Subcommittee on Disarmament to brief on proliferation of advanced weapons. He said that Friday's appearance had gone well and particularly complimented the A-DD/S&T for his presentation.

Houston reported that the Justice Department accepted all four of our recommendations for the wire tapping legislation.

Houston noted that he will be in New York tomorrow morning.



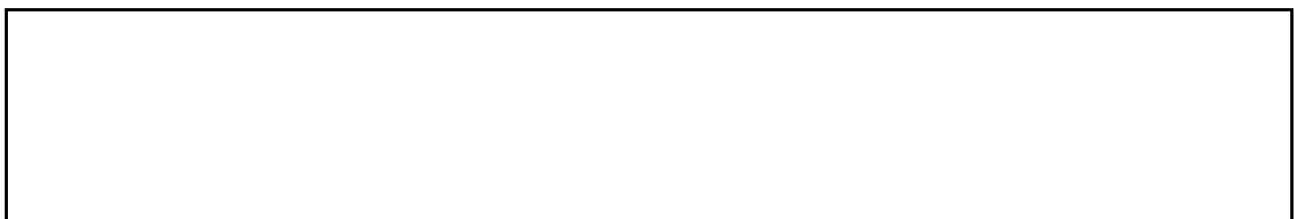
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Executive Director reported that he attended the swearing-in ceremony for Idar Rimestad and wondered whether we should invite him to Headquarters for a briefing. The Director asked the Executive Director to take care of this.

DDCI noted a request from Ambassador Corry to meet with the Director and Kent. Kent said that this has already been laid on for 7-8 February.



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The Director noted that there will be a breakfast for a group of new representatives this Wednesday, that he has no other Congressional hearings this week, that he will not be appearing before Congressman Rivers' committee for two weeks, and that he is scheduled for the Mahon committee on 15 February.

In reply to a question the Director was informed that the Agency recruiting program at Columbia extends throughout this week.



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